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Dr. Friedman:

Please classify meat from 'downer's as adulterated!!!

The issue of downed animals (too sick or injured to walk) is no longer simply a matter of animals' suffering but of consumers health as well. The meat from just one diseased cow can contaminate up to sixteen tons of mass-processed meat.

All too often owners make more money selling live animals no matter how ill or injured, than dead ones.

Thank you!



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